

## QUERIES and ANSWERS

**Richard III.**  
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Please give a biographical sketch of Richard III?

T.  
Duane, Va.  
He was born at Fotheringhay, England, October 2, 1452; killed at the battle of Bosworth, August 22, 1485. King of England 1483-85, third brother of Richard, Duke of York, and younger brother of Edward IV. He was known as the Duke of Gloucester before his accession. He served in the battles of Barnet and Tewkesbury in 1471; and invaded Scotland in 1482. On the death of Edward IV, in April, 1483, he seized the young Edward V. and caused himself to be proclaimed protector. On June 26, 1483, he assumed the crown, the death of Edward V. and his brother in prison being publicly announced shortly after. He suppressed Buckingham's rebellion in 1483; and was defeated and slain in the battle of Bosworth by the Earl of Richmond. He was the last of the Plantagenet line.

**Rule for Measuring Corn.**  
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Will you kindly give me in your next Sunday's paper, a rule for measuring corn on cob. How many bushels of corn will a pen 16x26 contain?

L. R.  
Sixteen feet by 9 feet by 6 feet will give 64 cubic feet. A cubic foot is .8 of a bushel.  
864x.8=691.2  
6 bushels in 1 barrel.

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Take 1-2 for shelled corn.

691.2x.5=345.6  
Answer 69.12 barrels shelled corn.

A farmer of great experience gives the rule: "Divide the number of cubic feet in the pen of cob corn by 12.1-2 to get number of barrels of shelled corn."

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The first method gives 864x.8x.10.  
Or 864x.8=691.2

**Pursuing Game.**  
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:

Sir—There is a dispute between several gentlemen in regard to the law in reference to the question as below:  
1. A shooter and wound game upon his own lands and the wounded game makes its escape upon the lands of C. whose lands are posted against dog and gun, can A follow in pursuit of the wounded game lawfully?

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**Representation in Congress.**

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Please tell us through your interesting very column, from which we get valuable information, what basis State representation in the House of Representatives, United States, is fixed or determined, and much obliged.

Your obedient servant, &c.  
L. B. VAUGHAN.

Article 1, section 3, of the Constitution of the United States says that "representatives and direct taxes shall be apportioned among the several States, according to their representative numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole number of three persons, including those bound to service for a term of years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three-fifths of all other persons."  
The number of representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty thousand, but each State shall have at least one representative.

The fourteenth amendment subsequently adopted provides that "representatives shall be apportioned among the several States, according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding the Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, representatives in Congress, the executive and judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State."

**Rural Carriers.**  
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Can the Civil Service Commission

on rural routes grant to a carrier, route No. 2, if the said carrier lives on route R. P. D. No. 1, on the same line, and in the same county? And in case carrier No. 1 gets the best grade and carrier No. 2 cannot take the examination?  
JOHN P. B.

Rural carriers are appointed to the routes as certified by the Rural Carrier Examining Board of the Civil Service Commission.

**Swaying of Monuments.**  
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Please answer through your query column next Sunday how far the Washington monument sways, and do architects allow for swaying in very tall buildings? And oblige a constant reader.

J. E. W.  
1. The monument moves several inches, we believe, and the outer edges of the stones are badly chipped.  
Engineers claim it is not due to any settlement of the foundations, but the action of the sun upon the stone causes it and the center axis of the monument follows the course of the sun. Hence it may be said to "sway."

2. Yes, by bracing against wind pressure. It is stated the Romans sometimes rounded the outer edges of the stones to prevent them chipping under pressure.

**Dewey's Address.**  
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Will you please publish the address of Admiral Dewey and greatly oblige?

"A SUBSCRIBER."

Admiral George W. Dewey, Washington, D. C.

**The Russian Navy.**

Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir—Please publish in your paper of Sunday next the number of war vessels owned by Russia at the beginning of the war with Japan and also number of same in the United States navy? What is the relative naval strength of the two nations?

J. P. J.  
In 1903 Russia had: First class battleships, 18; second class battleships, 10; third class battleships, 4; coast defense ships, 13; armored cruisers, 4; cruisers of first class, 17; cruisers of second class, 19; cruisers of third class, 18; gunboats, sea-going, 23; gunboats, river, 27; torpedo boat destroyers, 65; torpedo boats, first class, 48; torpedo boats, second class, 64; torpedo boats, third class, 21.  
The United States had: Battleships, 15; armored steel vessels, 26; gunboats, 23; special class, 6; auxiliary cruisers, 5; torpedo boats, 37; torpedo boat destroyers, 16.

**THANKSGIVING GERMAN.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BLACKSBURG, VA., December 10.—The annual Thanksgiving German was danced Thursday night, and the occasion was a most enjoyable one to those who attended. The German Club was unable to hold this function earlier on account of the gymnasium, the only suitable place here at present available for dancing, being engaged some time ago for entertainments. Mr. A. W. Hawks having lectured last Friday night, and Mr. W. Loughbry being scheduled for tonight. So many of the students were usually away on Thanksgiving Day and the Friday following, that the Germans are never held then. Permission was secured to hold it last night, only after the student members of the club had signed a pledge that they would not let the dance last night interfere with their class work to-day.  
A number of visiting girls were present; some of the most beautiful in this favored section of Virginia, and the cadets threw themselves heartily into their postponed enjoyment. The Roanoke Orchestra furnished the music, and to the inspiring strains the dancers responded with joy and gladness.  
Captain D. A. Henning led the figures and the following couples were among the dancers:  
Miss Cary Preston, of Radford, with Major H. H. Gary; Miss Carr, of North Carolina, with Lieutenant J. T. Goodloe; Miss Caperton, of Radford, with Lieutenant J. C. Hobson; Miss Nannie Apperson, of Blacksburg, with Lieutenant W. P. Withers; Miss Mary Baldwin, of Radford, with Lieutenant R. P. Eakins; Miss Miss Howe, of Radford, with Mr. C. M. Bowman; Miss Kathleen Cassell, of Radford, with Cadet J. de la Cova; Miss Annie Henderson, of Blacksburg, with Cadet H. C. Froelich; Miss Julia Alcock, of New Orleans, with Cadet E. W. Lawson; Miss Agnes Patton, of Blacksburg, with Cadet A. C. Kemser; Miss Anna Wilson, of Radford, with Mr. Harper Dean; Miss Mary Campbell, of Pulaski, with Mr. E. P. Whitman; Miss Loomis Logan, of Salem, with Mr. F. M. Yost; Miss May Serralle, of Kentucky, with Mr. C. C. Hoth; Miss Nannie Patton, of Blacksburg, with Mr. W. A. P. Moncure; Miss Bessie Archer, Richmond, with Mr. Courtney Williams;

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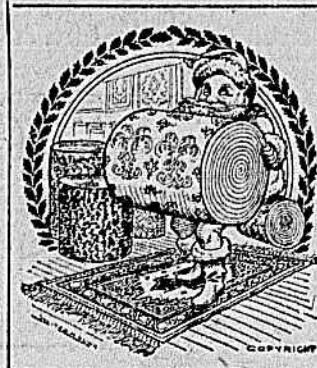
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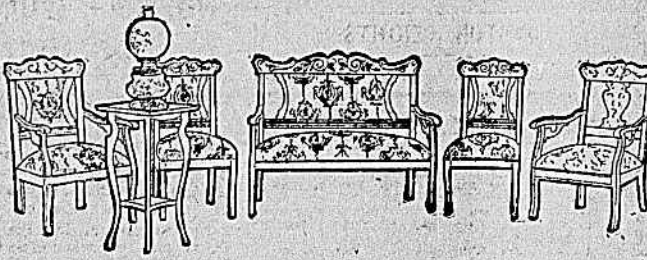
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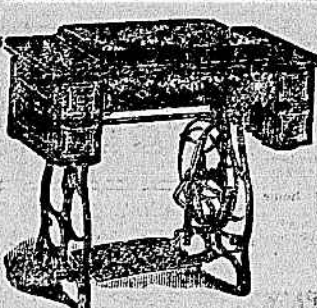
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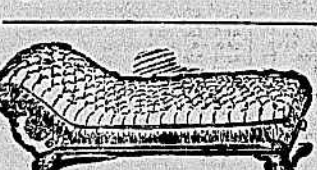


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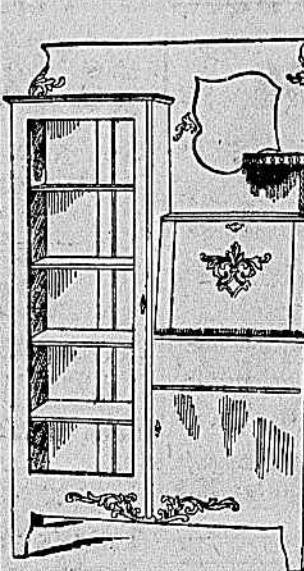
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### How Moles Work.

Moles are usually active at work in the early morning or late in the afternoon. It is not difficult to kill them with a pitchfork when they are working, the animals being located by observing the movement of the ground above them. If water is allowed to run into the burrow, and all it, the animal when present can be forced to come to the surface to avoid drowning, and may be easily killed. The best remedy for the damage done to lawns and grass plots by moles is prompt rolling

### No Auto M. D. for Her.

An action for damages alleged to have been received in an automobile accident was recently brought in an adjoining county, tells the Ulster Observer. A woman had been thrown from a carriage, the horse attached to which was frightened by an automobile.

She landed in a ditch and was not dangerously injured. Upon being assisted to her feet, it is related, some one spoke of calling a doctor, and suggested a physician who visits his patients in an